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BULLHEAD CITY MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR FIREARMS RELATED FELONIES

PHOENIX – Robert Franklin Abraham, 49, of Bullhead City, Ariz. was sentenced here this afternoon by U.S. District Judge Frederick J. Martone to 24 months in prison. On August 19, 2005 Abraham pleaded guilty to Possession of an Unregistered Silencer; Possession of an Unregistered Short-Barreled Rifle; Dealing in Firearms Without a License; and two counts of Possession of Unregistered Machine Guns. Judge Martone also ordered him to perform 200 hours of community service. Abraham must self surrender to the U.S. Marshal's Service on January 6, 2006.

In pleading guilty Abraham admitted that during November and December 2001, he possessed an unregistered firearm silencer with no manufacturer's markings or serial number; that on January 17, 2002, he possessed an unregistered .22 caliber short-barreled rifle; that from January 17, 2002 through July 8, 2003, he possessed an unregistered Thompson Auto-Ordinance machine gun and a Colt machine gun; and that during March 15, 2000 through July 8, 2003, he engaged in the business of dealing in firearms without a federal firearms license.

Abraham stored approximately 78 firearms as inventory in his gun store, Mohave Firearms, and sold at least 100 additional firearms during March 15, 2000 through July 8, 2003 without a proper license. At sentencing the government noted that Abraham regularly sold firearms without asking for identification, conducting background checks or maintaining the proper records.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution was handled by Frederick A. Battista, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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